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SENATOR BROWN: ...and part of the reason I think I no longer serve on the Appropriations Committee is because we had money and I kept saying the sky was going to fall, and unfortunately I was right. And the only reason that I was right is because I only looked not at the merits of these numbers but at the trends of the numbers, and now I tend to be a little bit more liberal, I guess, if you can use that word, in my approach because I'm not sure we can fix the...in the short term, fix the problems that we have without so damaging our institutions, especially our institutions of state government. Now, there are some things I would do, like some significant things in terms of freezing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...employment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Engel, followed by Senator Bourne and others. Senator Engel, is he on the floor? I do not see him. We will pass over Senator Engel. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Wehrbein yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I kind of want...I was talking to Senator Janssen and I kind of want to get a sense of where we're at. If we voted the Redfield amendment down and the rest of the...any amendment on any of the budget bills, so we'll go on to LB 1090 and LB 1091, and say we adopt the committee recommendations, where are we in terms of balance?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: At what period of time?

SENATOR BOURNE: Give me both this year or the end of this